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Amendment To The Specification

Please amend the specification as shown below.

Please replace paragraph 1, 3 and 47 as follows:

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[0001] Field of the Invention ¶

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[0003] Background of the Invention ¶

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[0047] Figure 6 is a drawing of a hazardous material detection mailpiece 210 containing a postal indicia 36 that was affixed by an electronic meter. Hazardous material detection mailpiece 210 has a recipient address field 29 printed on the envelope front side 200a and a sender address field 8. A postal indicia 36 is affixed to mailpiece 30. Indicia 36 contains a dollar amount 85; the date 86 that postal indicia 36 was affixed to mailpiece 30; the place 87 that mailpiece 30 was mailed; the postal meter serial number 88; an eagle 83; a security code 89; and, a tracking number 7 90. Security code 89 and tracking number 90 are unique numbers that are derived from address field 29 and information contained in the postage meter that affixed indicia 36. The manner in which security code 89 and tracking number 90 are obtained is disclosed in the Sansone, et al. United States Patent No. 4,831,555 titled UNSECURED POSTAGE APPLYING SYSTEM, assigned to the assignee of the present invention and herein incorporated by reference. The hazardous material detection mailpiece 210 includes a hazardous material test strip 204 which can be viewed through one or more holes 206 in the mailpiece. The holes 206 can be positioned adjacent to indicia 36 or any other suitable position including the back side of the mailpiece. The number of holes can be determined by one of ordinary skill in the art considering factors including the size of the test strip 204.